

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 9, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-12 and 21-22 are amended for clarification. Accordingly, the claims are not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and merely to expedite consideration and allowance of the present Application, claim 1 is amended as indicated above. It is submitted that the interpretation that the second processor was a portion of the handheld device was due to an unfortunate indentation (formatting) of the claim wherein the memory, and first and second data processors were indented (formatted) in line with the input device and transmitter of the handheld device. However, it is submitted that the indentation was in error. In short, the system includes a handheld device ..., a memory ..., and first and

second processors... The handheld device includes an input device and a transmitter. A portion of claim 1 is deleted and re-added by this amendment with the proper indentation to facilitate providing an indication of the proper indentation. It is respectfully submitted that with this amendment and the explanation provided above, the claims are in proper form and reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1 and 12 are rejected under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. This rejection of the claims is respectfully traversed. However to expedite consideration and allowance of the present Application, claims 1 and 12 are amended as indicated above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 5,214,622 (Nemoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,107

(Lawler) in further view of IBM TDB (0018-8689-37-1-609). Claims 4 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly anticipated over Nemoto in view of Lawler in further view of IBM TDB 0018-8689-37-1-609 (TBD 609) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,259,891 (Allen). Claims 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly anticipated over Nemoto in view of Lawler in further view of TBD 609 and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,461 (Dougherty). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-24 are patentable over Nemoto, Lawler, TBD 609, Allen and Dougherty in any combination for at least the following reasons.

The Final Office Action states on page 6, 2nd full paragraph, that Nemoto and Lawler "fail to disclose determining a reminder message time based on the content of the reminder information from the entered time." TBD 609 is introduced in the attempt to cure the deficiencies in Nemoto and Lawler.

TBD 609 is directed towards a system where "[a] Registration service allows users to specify distribution attributes, e.g., originator, arrival time, importance, action due date, grade of delivery, etc. The user is then permitted to associate a lead time with the attribute and value of the attribute." (2nd paragraph). TBD 609 describes an example of associating a lead time with the

attribute and value of the attribute such that "e.g., 10 minutes lead time when I'm the presenter AND the meeting location is within my building" (3rd paragraph).

In TBD 609, lead times are created by the user who assigns a lead time associated with the attribute and attribute value (for example, 5 minutes for meeting in another building, 2 minutes when I am not the presenter) rather than the content category and the event time.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the system of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Nemoto, Lawler and/or TBD 609. For example, Nemoto, Lawler, TBD 609 and combination thereof do not disclose or suggest, a system that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added), "an input device for: entering a reminder message, the reminder message comprising reminder information and a time; and determining a reminder message time based on a content category of the reminder information and from the time " as required by independent claim 1 and as substantively required by claim 12. Allen and Dougherty are cited for other reasons which do not cure the deficiency in Nemoto, Lawler, TBD 609 and combinations thereof.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits

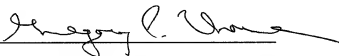
that independent claims 1 and 12 are patentable over Nemoto, Lawler, TBD 609, Allen and Dougherty in any combination and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-11 and 13-24 depend from one of claims 1 and 12 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims.

For example, Nemoto, Lawler, TBD 609, Allen and Dougherty nowhere disclose or suggest "the content category is selected from a list comprising: prescribed medication time, television program and appointment" as required by claims 25 and 26 of the present application. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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